Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jan Melius has served the health needs of South Dakotans for 42 years in various positions with community health and the private sector. She will retire from the Department of Health (DOH) on August 16, 2007; and,

Whereas, Jan joined the DOH in 1979 as a Community Health Nurse II and provided skilled home health nursing care and patient education to clients in several counties, including Faulk, Hyde, Spink, Edmunds, Potter, Hand, Walworth and McPherson; and,

Whereas, In 1985, Jan became a District Nursing Supervisor for the DOH and worked with nursing staff to coordinate community health patient services in the northeastern region of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jan embarked on a new career as the Director of Nursing for the John P. Shirk Nursing Home in Faulkton in 1987 where she spent 5 years supervising 35 employees in caring for elderly residents, working with patients and their families, doing patient assessments and collaborating with the Department of Social Services to pilot the minimum data set (MDS) project for nursing homes; and,

Whereas, Jan became the Director of Home and Community Care at the Faulk County Memorial Hospital in 1995, providing homemaking services, participating on the discharge planning team and the HIPPA, medical staff and marketing committees; and,

Whereas, In May 2005, Jan returned to DOH to work as a Community Health Nurse for Faulk County residents; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that Jan's colleagues, family and friends will have an opportunity to thank her for her service to the state of South Dakota and wish her good health and happiness in her retirement at an event in her honor on August 8, 2007:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 8, 2007, as

JAN MELIUS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State